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LEXINGTON, VA., JANUARY 5, '98
AN OLD HOUSE AND AN ABBE
FAMILY.

When in church, 1796, the village of
Lexington, Va., was burned, the fire
was checked at the crossing of Henry
and Main, on the lot where the lovely
sabbath stands. On the northwest
corner of Henry and Main was the house
of Mr. Matheo Hanna, which, a ter
passing through several changes, is now
the property of Mrs. Gibbs.

This re-negated, as I have often
heard, in the garden of a house on the
corner of Main and Lewis streets,
where the occupant of the house had
been burning trash to prepare for culti-
vating his ground. He thought the
fire was entirely extinguished, but wind
rising in the night kindled a few coals
which had been overlooked; the weather
was dry, and the buildings nearby
were of wood, so that the progress of
the flames was rapid. There was no
supply of water to meet such an emer-
gency, for the villagers depended for
their water on the "springs" near the
lower end of town, which were far off
and not large. The inhabitants exerted
themselves to the utmost, but were
unable to prevent the destruction of
all the houses on Main street, with some
of those on the cross streets of Nelson
and Washington, which were near the
junction with Main. Among those
burned was the Court-House, which
stood on Nelson, nearly on the site of
the Baptist church. By the time the
fire reached Henry street, those who
had been fighting it for hours were
completely exhausted, and it was said
that in their extremity most efficacious
assistance was given by the daughters
of Mr. Hanna. These ladies getting
water, (the Back Spring was not far
from this point,) soaked blankets and
climbing to the upper part of the house
on the corner, spread these blankets on
the roof and exposed parts of the build-
ing, and kept them wet until the fire
round abated, and this timely help
checked the further progress of the
flames.

Mr. Hanna was a Scotch Irishman,
and, I think, a native of Ireland. His
wife was a Miss Montgomery, whose
family came early to this country and
located themselves in Oxford and on
Collier's Creek, where their descendants
still reside. I do not know the date
of Mr. Hanna's coming to this
country, nor of his marriage, but in
1796 he was living in the house on
Henry street with a family of daughters.
He probably built this home
which is still occupied though enlarged
and altered. It was in my earliest
recollection pretty much the same, I
suppose, as when first used, and was
a frame building of two stories and a
cellar, with a high gable turned to-
wards Main street, from which it stood
back about thirty or forty feet with a
grassy yard and green trees. Within
the house had one large room, into this
two smaller rooms, each with a fire-
place, opened. There was no way of
heating the large rooms except from
the two smaller, and it must have been
very cold in winter. Upstairs the ar-
rangement of rooms was like that be-
low. Round this house ran a porch
from a door on Henry street to one in
the back yard, completely encircling
half the building, and making it, in my
childish eyes a great, charming resi-
dence.

The large room I have spoken of was
used for a dining room in early times,
and often for more social purposes.
There was no church building in Lex-
ington then. The first church was
opened in the fall of 1802. Before
this, preaching was in the Court House,
or sometimes at Mr. Hanna's. Prayer-
meetings were held there, and the re-
cords of Lexington Presbytery show
that this body repeatedly adjourned
from Monmouth or the Academy "to
meet at Mr. Hanna's." Of course the
Presbytery was a smaller body than at
present or even Mr. Hanna's large
room would not have accommodated it.

Mr. Hanna was an elder before he
came to Lexington, at least he took the
place here, and he had probably acted
in this capacity in his old home. I
have been told that he signed a call for
the Rev. Wm. Graham to this place, and
I have also signed by him and one
other elder for Mr. Baxter's services
1799. I do not understand how a call
could be given by a church which had
no organized existence and the Lexing-
ton church was not organized until
1817; but Presbyterians were just
emerging from the times when we
could only have meeting houses and
churches, and forms were relaxed.

Like so many of the noble Scotch-
Irish race, Mr. Hanna's rule of life
was, "As for me and my house we will
keep the commandments of God that we
may prosper." He was a man of great
piety, and his life was a model of
virtue. He was a man of great
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FROM FOOT TO KNEE

Ohio Women Suffered Great Agony
From a Terrible Sore—Her Story of
the Cause, and Her Cure.

"For many years I was afflicted with a
milk leg, and a few years ago it broke out
in a sore and spread from my foot to my
knee. I suffered great agony. It would
burn and itch all the time and discharge
a great deal. My health was good with
the exception of this sore. I tried a great
many kinds of salve, but some would
irritate the sore so that I could hardly
stand the pain. I could not go near the
fire without suffering intensely. Some one
sent me papers containing testimonials of
cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I told
my husband I would like to try this medi-
cine. He got me a bottle and I found it
helped me. I kept on taking it until my
limb was completely healed. I cannot
praise Hood's Sarsaparilla enough for the
great benefit it has been to me. It
cleanses the blood of all impurities and
leaves it rich and pure." Mrs. ANNA E.
EAKEN, Whitewater, Ohio.

You can buy Hood's Sarsaparilla of all
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Hood's Pills are the favorite family
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Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant
and refreshing to the taste, and acts
gently yet promptly on the Kidneys,
Liver and Bowels, cleanses the sys-
tem effectually, dispels colds, head-
aches and fevers and cures habitual
constipation. Syrup of Figs is the
only remedy of its kind ever pro-
duced, pleasing to the taste and ac-
ceptable to the stomach, prompt in
its action and truly beneficial in its
effects, prepared only from the most
healthy and agreeable substances, its
many excellent qualities commend it
to all and have made it the most
popular remedy known.

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Any reliable druggist who
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serve the Lord." His children were
brought up in the fear of God, and ex-
emplified in their lives their pious train-
ing. There was no son in this house-
hold but five daughters grew to woman
hood.

The eldest of these became the wife
of Rev. Daniel Blain, so long Professor
of Languages at Washington College,
and an acceptable and useful minister
in the congregations to which he
preached in Rockbridge. He supplied
Oxford, and I think for some years
Timber Ridge also, though still filling
his place in the college. This wife was
his helper in all his cares, industrious,
neat and careful, but finding time for
the cultivation of her mind. Mr. and
Mrs. Blain were married in the spring
of 1799. For some time Mr. Blain had
been assistant teacher in the New Lex-
ington Academy. When in April, 1799,
Mr. Baxter, the principal removed to
Lexington, Mr. Blain with his bride,
took their places in the nearest house,
and Mr. Blain continued the school for
some months longer. But in the fall
of 1799 being appointed Professor of
Languages in Washington Academy, he
left New London and rejoined his for-
mer colleague in Lexington.

The Academy was then located in
the stone building erected by Mr.
William Graham, the former rector.
This building was burned in the Chris-
tian's holidays of 1802, and now forms
the picturesque ruin west of Lexing-
ton.

It is a pleasant fact that these as-
sociates were again together. Their
acquaintance began when students of
Rev. Wm. Graham, whose reputation
had drawn them from distant points to
sit at his feet, Mr. Blain was from
North Carolina, Mr. Baxter from Vir-
ginia. They as before acted taught
together for a year or two in
Campbell, then came to Lexington,
where they labored with each other
most harmoniously until Mr. Blain's
death in March, 1814.

Mr. Blain established himself on a
lot in Lexington which was the abode
of his family until 1834, when his
widow left her old home to live with
her children in Lewisburg. Her old
residence passed into the possession of
James D. Davidson, Esq., and enlarged
by subsequent purchases is still owned
by his daughter, Mrs. Dr. A. D. Estill.
The first house was of wood and small,
consisting of two store rooms, and two
logs.

Mr. Blain put up a brick office in
the yard, intending as his means in-
creased to add rooms for a dwelling,
but his failing health prevented this
plan being carried out. After his death
Mrs. Blain became apprehensive that
the log part of her house was unsafe.
She consulted Col. Jordan, the principal
authority here on such subjects. He
examined the rooms and said they
could be used with safety for a year
but not longer, and agreed for five
hundred dollars to build an addition to
the office. This was done, and here
with her six children she lived, until
the children were educated and pro-
vided for. Mrs. Blain always observed
the day of her husband's death as a
season of fasting and prayer. She had
been a pious woman many years, but
her afflictions weakened her from the
world, and she became a saintly charac-
ter, though always leading a quiet,
retired life, earnestly striving to fulfil
the duties devolving upon her. With
Mrs. Blain lived Mrs. Thomas Preston,
also a widow, and long known and
loved as a lady of devoted piety and
many graces.

My attention was turned to the
Hanna family by noticing the number
of ministers of the Presbytery, an
church who were either finally des-
cended from this excellent man or mar-
ried to some of his descendants. I
know twenty-one, and there may be
others, for of some of this connection
I have no knowledge.

I have mentioned that there were
five daughters. One, probably the
second, married Mr. John Parr, who
associated himself in business with Mr.
Hanna, lived in his house and filled a
son's place during the lives of the
parents. He also succeeded Mr. Hanna
as an elder in his church.

Another daughter, in 1806, became
the wife of Rev. Samuel B. Wilson, a
student from North Carolina, who
came to Lexington to pursue his edu-
cation. Dr. Wilson lived so long in
Virginia, first as pastor of the Free-
dericksburg church, and later as professor
in Union Seminary, that he is too well
and recently known to require any



TO ANY RELIABLE MAN.

March 18th, 1897. I have been a sufferer from
cough and asthma for many years, and
have tried many remedies, but have not
found any relief. I have been told of
your medicine, and I have bought a
bottle of it, and I have taken it, and
I have found it to be a most valuable
remedy. I have been cured of my
cough and asthma, and I am now
able to do my work as usual. I am
very grateful to you for your medicine,
and I am sure it will be a great
benefit to many other sufferers from
cough and asthma. I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
J. H. HARRIS, 44 MADISON ST.,
BUFFALO, N.Y.

notice here.
I. The same year another daughter
married Mr. John McKee, of this
county, for many years an elder in the
Methodist church. Their descendant in
this county and elsewhere are
numerous.

The remaining daughter married
Dr. Cliney, formerly of Lewisburg,
but he moved to the West, and I know
no kind of them.
Four of Mr. Hanna's sons-in-law
were alumni of Washington Academy.
The ministers of this family are as
follows: R. V. Daniel Blain, Rev.
Samuel Blain, of Louisville; Rev.
Daniel Blain, D. D., Rev. Mercer
Blain, Rev. Harry Myers, with Rev.
Mr. Wallace, who married Miss Susan
Myers; Rev. Dr. Samuel B. Wilson,
his son Rev. Samuel B. O. Wilson, of
Tennessee, and a grandson, also in
Tennessee, Rev. James Wilson and his
sons, Rev. T. S. Wilson, of Halifax,
Va., and Rev. O. B. Wilson, agent for
the colored seminary in Alabama. Dr.
S. B. Wilson's youngest daughter
married a minister from South Car-
olina, Rev. Mr. Davies, and a son of
Mrs. Davies is a minister. Two grand-
daughters married—one Rev. Hamner
Davies, of Amelia, and one Rev. George
Leysburn, Jr.

Among Mrs. McKee's descendants
are three ministers named Laird and
two, Rev. Harvey G. Moore and a son
I know ten elders of this connection,
and there are probably more. A good-
ly list for one family. A. R.
—Central Presby. in.

HE WANTS A JOB.

There is one Virginian Republican who
wants a job and he seems to go after it
as a matter of right, to judge from the
following letter which he wrote to the
President:

Hon. William McKinley,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I helped save the country
in 1896 and am anxious to keep it saved;
but am now a statesman out of a job
and without visible means of support.
Unfortunately I am too heavy for light
work and too light for heavy work, and
unless you hit the civil service with
the solar plexus and come to my relief
I am afraid I will perish.

I am in many respects especially en-
titled to recognition by your adminis-
tration. I was born several years ago
while quite young, read law part of a
while, and have practiced occasionally.
I am now the only surviving private of
the Confederate Army. Since our flag
went down in gloom at Appomattox I
have suffered constantly. I have never
been married, but have had yellow fever,
been drowned, burned alive, blown
up at sea, swallowed by a shark, and
served as Republican County Chairman
during the campaign of 1896.

If you will call at my office I will
cooperate with you on the problems of
confronting your Administration, or I
am willing to correspond with regular-
ly. Always enclose stamp for reply. If
you need me in Washington send ticket,
and I will come at once.

Your Administration will be a failure
unless I get "something equally as
good."

Very truly yours,
FRANK WYSON,
Pulaski, Va., Dec. 12.

WANAMAKER'S ADVERTISING.

"I never in my life used such a thing
as a poster or a dodger or handbill,"
said John Wanamaker. "My plan for
twenty years has been to buy so much
space in a newspaper and fill it up as I
wanted. I would not give an adver-
tisement in a newspaper of 500 circula-
tion for 5,000 dodgers or posters. If I
wanted to sell cheap jewelry or run a
gambling scheme I might use posters;
but I would not insult a decent reader
public with handbills. The class of
people who read them are too poor to
look to support in mercantile affairs. I
deal directly with the publisher. I say
to him:

"How long will you let me run a col-
umn of matter through your paper for
\$100 or \$500? as the case may be. I
let him do the figuring, and if I think
he is not trying to take more than his
share I give him the copy. I lay aside
the profits on a particular line of goods
for advertising purposes.

At first I laid aside \$3,000. Last
year I laid aside and spent \$40,000. I
have done better this year, and shall
increase the sum as the profits warrant
it. I owe my success to newspapers,
and to them I feel I give a certain por-
tion of my yearly business."—Wool and
Cotton Report.

It is understood that the receivers of
the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will
apply to the United States Court for
authority to purchase 6,000 new freight
cars.

Extreme inventors object to Senator
Faulkner as chairman of the Demo-
cratic congressional campaign committee,
and he may retire from the committee.

RETRENCHMENT.

(FOR THE GAZETTE.)

It is a comfort to see the effort hat
is being made to curtail our expenses
and increase our revenue. Many are
sincerely hoping that an act will be
passed requiring the payment of all tax
as a prerequisite to the exercise
of the right of suffrage. Of course
such will meet with strong opposition
at the hands of those who vote and
never pay a cent in the way of taxes,
and the man who "puts the bell on the
cat" may lose the cat in the end, but the
conscientious discharge of such duty
will result in the estimation of a
vast majority.

In hunting for places to make cuts
to lessen our expenses it seems strange
that our Legislature have never seen
that we in the first place have no need
for county superintendents of Schools
when our schools could be run much
more efficiently if placed entirely under
control of the District Boards with the
County Clerk as a medium between them
and the State Superintendent. The mem-
bers of the Boards are for the people
and with the people and can have
constant knowledge of the work-
ings of the schools, whereas there are
many schools as the matter now stands
that run the whole system without a
visit from the Superintendent.

In the second place, if there is need
for Superintendent's why have so many
when several counties could do with
only one District, and let one Superin-
tendent have jurisdiction over all. In
his way one third, or less, of the pres-
ent expenses would fill the bill.

In the next place if made to appeal
a necessity in any shape, why should I
be made to pay for a little service
and such meagre results? Our State
is now paying but little, if any, short
of fifty thousand dollars a year in
salaries of county Superintendents.
Surely, when we are so hard up for
funds, that we can run our schools at
most but five months in twelve and pay
our teachers such a pittance, some-
change could be made by which the
amount thus paid out would not be so
entirely out of proportion to the
amount now paid out to teachers.

In my opinion, as one having no
personal interest, whatever, in schools,
another change is a necessity. We
should by all means, have compulsory
attendance. This would be in no way,
infringing on personal or family rights.
After all of our trouble and expense, it
is a well attested fact that a great many
of our school population are growing
up in total ignorance, never attending
school at all. Many others attend but
half or less of the session. In justice
to all such and in view of the fact that
it costs just as much to pay our teach-
ers to teach a part of the children as
all, there should be a law compelling
parents to send their children when-
ever circumstances are such as to allow
it.

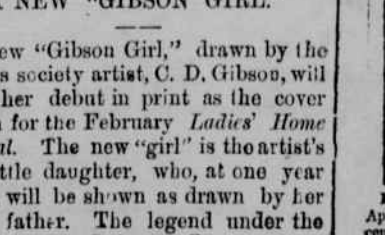
Another good thing would be to
have a law to the effect that after three
years from its passage no man under
the age of 18 years at the time of such
enactment, shall be allowed to vote
until he can read intelligently and write
a legible hand. This would give three
years at least for all who have hitherto
neglected their education to learn to
read and write. The incentive would
be such that none would be left out but
a few without any capacity to learn
which few ought not to have the privi-
lege of voting any way. A good end
would thus be accomplished without
the least infringement on the rights of
anybody. As to the plan for the females
whose education is being neglected to
the same extent as that of the males, it
will leave it for some one more com-
petent to solve a difficult problem.

SENEX.

London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from
Peking says: The proposed arrange-
ment for a Russian guaranteed 4 per
cent, loan of 100,000,000 taels is not yet
ratified.

The situation is disastrous and the
only hope is that England will render
financial help, as otherwise war is the
only alternative.
Sir Claude MacDonald, the British
Ambassador, has asked a few days' de-
lay in order to refer the matter the
home Government.

You, it needs help. The help it needs
is to digest your food, and, until it
gets it, you won't have any peace.
Stomach trouble is very distressing,
very obstinate, very dangerous. Many
of the most dangerous diseases begin
with simple indigestion. The reason
is that indigestion (not-digestion, not-
nourishment) weakens the system and
allows disease germs to attack it. The
antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial,
strengthening, nourishing, curative. It
cures indigestion and renews strength
and health. It does this by strength-
ening the stomach, by helping it to
digest your food. It nourishes you.
Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of
pure herbs, plants and wine, is per-
fectly harmless and will certainly cure
all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by
druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per
bottle.



A NEW "GIBSON GIRL" drawn by the
famous society artist, C. D. Gibson, will
make her debut in print as the cover
design for the February Ladies' Home
Journal. The new "girl" is the artist's
own little daughter, who, at one year
of age, will be shown as drawn by her
clever father. The legend under the
picture is "My Valentine."

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Colic,
Colds,
Croup,
Coughs,
Tooth-
ache,
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note of the genuine "PERRY
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Are happily combined in Hood's Sarsa-
parilla Compound Calender for 1898. The
lovely child's head in an embossed gold
frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers
in mosaic, the harmonious pads in blue
with clear figures, and the Compons by
means of which many valuable books
and other articles may be obtained
make up the most desirable Calendar
we have ever seen. The first coupon
article is Hood's Practical Cook's Book,
a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages.
Ask your druggist for Hood's Compound
Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for
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hundred pages, containing a catalogue of
about six thousand newspapers, being all that
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rectory (December edition for 1897) with hav-
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State of the American Union, naming those
towns only in which there are issued news-
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GOVERNOR TYLER

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—J. Hoge Tyler
was inaugurated Governor of Virginia to-day
in the presence of the two houses of the gen-
eral assembly convened in the hall of the
House. The Capitol was crowded with ladies
and gentlemen and the hall was packed to its
utmost capacity. Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge
made the prayer. The oath of office was ad-
ministered by Judge R. H. Caldwell, of the
Court of Appeals. Governor Tyler read his
address. The entire ceremony of the inaugu-
ration consumed about forty minutes. Im-
mediately after the oath of office was adminis-
tered to Governor and Lieutenant Governor,
Senator Daniel was loudly called upon for a
speech, but he replied with a graceful excuse.

FOR FALL AND WINTER

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You will find a full assortment
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LEXINGTON, VA.

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Market Report

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DEALERS IN

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

WHOLESALE PRICES OF PRODUCE.

Flour Extra.....\$4.50 to \$4.75

Flour Family.....\$3.75 to \$4.00

Wheat.....35 to 38

Corn Old.....33 to 35

Corn Meal.....40 to 45

Oats.....20 to 26

Butter.....15 to 18

Eggs.....15 to 17

Hens per pound.....4 to 5

Turkeys.....6 to 7

Spring Chickens per pound.....5 to 8

Hams.....10 to 15

Shoulders.....6 to 10

Sides.....7 to 10

Irish Potatoes.....40 to 50

Lard.....6 to 7

Veal Calves.....31 to 42

Wood.....16 to 18

Apples.....40 to 50

Orchard Grass Seed.....\$1.00 to \$1.10

Clover Seed.....3.00 to 3.50

Timothy Seed.....1.50 to 1.75

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

January 4.

Beef Steers.....3.00 to 5.00

Hogs.....3.65 to 3.85

Sheep......31 to 32

Wheat......92 to 98

Corn......28 to 33

VICTORY FOR A VIRGINIA BOOK.

Under a law passed last session by the
Texas Legislature a "School Book Com-
mission"—composed of leading teachers in
the State—met in executive session in Austin
for some sixty days to examine and recom-
mend books for use in the public schools of
Texas.

There were about twenty-five school his-
tories in competition, and after a thorough
examination and comparison the commission
decided that "Jones' School History of the
United States" was the best book for use in
the schools. By the law only one history
can be put on the list, and that will be used
in all of the Texas schools for five years.

Friends of Dr. Jones are congratulating
him on this victory of his book in the first
contest for State adoption which it has made.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The public schools reopened yesterday,
after a suspension for the Christmas holi-
days, the attendance being unusually good.
Reports from examinations held before
Christmas were given out. Out of an enroll-
ment of about three hundred, possibly two
hundred and fifty passed successfully, this
being about the usual proportion.

THE DISCOVERY OF THE DAY.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of
Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New
Discovery is the only thing that cures my
cough, and it is the best seller I have." J.
F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz.,
writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all
that is claimed or it is never false, and is a
sure cure for Consumption, Coughs and
Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits."
Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption,
Coughs and Colds is not a century, and
to-day stands at the head. It never disap-
points. Free trial bottle at any drug store.

REGULAR PREACHING AT BEECHENBROOK.

The session of the Presbyterian church
has appointed Dr. J. A. Quarles to hold
regular services at Beechenbrook chapel.
The appointment is an admirable one. Dr.
Quarles is an excellent preacher and pastor,
and is greatly beloved by all classes of
people.

WHAT IT MEANS.

When